

Claims 27, 28, 29, 30 and 35, line 1, and claim 36 line 2, delete "any of the preceding claims" and substitute --claim 1--

Claim 40, line 1, delete "any of claims 37 to 39" and substitute --claim 37--

Claims 41 and 42, line 1, delete "any of claims 37 to 40" and substitute --claim 37--

Claims 43 and 44, line 1, delete "any of claims 37 to 42" and substitute --claim 37--

Claim 46, line 1, delete "any of claims 37 to 45" and substitute --claim 37--

Claim 47, line 1, delete "any of claims 37 to 46" and substitute --claim 37--

Claim 50, line 1, delete "any of claims 37 to 49" and substitute --claim 37--

Claim 52, line 1, delete "any of claims 37 to 51" and substitute --claim 37--

Claim 53, line 1, delete "any of claims 37 to 52" and substitute --claim 37--

Claim 55, line 1, delete "or 54" and in line 2, delete "may be" and substitute --is--

Claim 59, line 1, delete "any of claims 37 to 58" and substitute --claim 37--

Add new claims 60, and 61 as follows:

60. A method according to claim 24, wherein said conducting layer compromises a metal conducting element or compound, semiconductor or composite.

61. A method according to claim 25, wherein said conducting layer compromises a metal conducting element or compound, semiconductor or composite.

REMARKS

The above amendments are being made in order to eliminate multiple dependency and improper multiple dependency, as well as make a slight correction in one claim. If any multiple dependency remains, that is unintended, and the Patent and Trademark Office is requested to cancel any remaining multiple dependent claims without prejudice before calculation of the national filing fee for the United States.

The appended Preliminary Examination Report indicates that the claims meet the requirements of novelty and inventive step. It is submitted that the same result should occur in the United States.

Examination of the application on its merits is awaited.

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